

Victoria

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REFORM

PART 1 – PRELIMINARIES

1. This Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 10 of the Agreement.
2. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Victoria and expire on 30 June 2021 or on completion of agreed projects, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.

PART 2 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

3. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated financial contribution to Victoria of up to \$76.8 million in respect of this Agreement. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 1: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	15.4	59.4	2.0	76.8
Less estimated National Partnership payment	15.4	59.4	2.0	76.8
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

PART 3 – PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

4. Victoria will deliver the following projects.
 - (a) Project 1 – *Enhanced Business Access to Information*. Support business establishment and operations by improving access to and quality of online information and channel distribution mechanisms. Estimated financial contributions to Project 1 are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	5.6	0.0	0.0	5.6
Less estimated National Partnership payment	5.6	0.0	0.0	5.6
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (b) Project 2a – *Enhanced Approval Processes for Retail Developments*. Improve approvals processes involved in starting a new retail business. Estimated financial contributions to Project 2a are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	7.7	36.9	0.0	44.6
Less estimated National Partnership payment	7.7	36.9	0.0	44.6
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (c) *Project 2b – Reduced Regulatory Requirements for Low-risk Activities.* Lower regulatory burden associated with footpath trading and portable signage; car parking requirements; fixed advertising signage; and works relating to external façade of buildings. Estimated financial contributions to Project 2b are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.6	3.2	0.0	3.8
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.6	3.2	0.0	3.8
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (d) *Project 3 – Reduce Compliance Burden from Food Safety Regulation.* More consistent and transparent information about regulatory requirements, simpler record keeping requirements and online registration for fixed food businesses. Estimated financial contributions to Project 3 are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.9
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.9
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (e) *Project 4 – Reduced Compliance Burden from Retail Lease Regulation.* Clearer regulation relating to definitions and timeframes and the development of free standard retail leases. Estimated financial contributions to Project 4 are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (f) *Project 5a – Reduced regulatory burden for hosting festivals and events.* Pro-forma event permits to be developed and a central information hub for event permit requirements to be available online. Estimated financial contributions to Project 5a are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (g) Project 5b – *Reduced regulation of the visitor economy*. Establishing a program to provide support to innovative new ventures navigating regulatory processes and eligibility criteria and publishing application processes on the Business Victoria website. Estimated financial contributions to Project 5b are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (h) Project 5c – *New educational videos and online application form for business signage applications*. An educational video is available online for businesses to use, and creation of an interactive online application form. Estimated financial contributions to Project 5c are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (i) Project 5d – *Simpler regulatory processes for tour operators*. Regulation is amended to permit new 3-year tour operator licences to be created for applicants with a good compliance history. Estimated financial contributions to Project 5d are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (j) Project 5e – *Simpler regulatory processes for bed and breakfast managers*. Relevant legislation is amended to remove the annual renewal and inspection requirement for hosted accommodation and regulation is amended so registration requirements are aligned with local government planning requirements. Estimated financial contributions to Project 5e are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (a) Project 6 – *Reduced regulatory burden for liquor licensees*. Expediting liquor licence approval processes and reducing ongoing reporting burden. Estimated financial contributions to Project 6 are as follows:

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Estimated total budget	0.0	17.2	0.0	17.2
Less estimated National Partnership payment	0.0	17.2	0.0	17.2
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

5. Table 2 summarises the milestones for the projects, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made.

Table 2: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

2018-19			
Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
Project 1 – <i>Enhanced Business Access to Information</i>	Completion of project in accordance with the project proposal, including: business.vic.gov.au website content re-development, development of a regulatory journey map, and establishment of a network of trusted advisors.	December 2018	\$5.6 million
Project 2a – <i>Enhanced Approval Processes for Retail Developments (Phase 1)</i>	Local councils representing at least 15 per cent of Victoria’s population have enhanced approval processes in accordance with the project proposal.	December 2018	\$7.7 million
Project 2b – <i>Reduced Regulatory Requirements for Low-risk Activities (Phase 1)</i>	Local councils representing at least 15 per cent of Victoria’s population have reduced regulatory requirements in accordance with the project proposal.	December 2018	\$0.6 million
Project 4 – <i>Reduced Compliance Burden from Retail Lease Regulation</i>	The <i>Retail Leases Act 2003</i> is amended in accordance with the project proposal.	December 2018	\$0.8 million
Project 5b – <i>Simpler regulatory processes for new ventures</i>	A program is established to provide support to innovative new ventures navigating regulatory processes and eligibility criteria and application processes are published on the Business Victoria website.	December 2018	\$0.7 million

2019-20			
Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
Project 2a – <i>Enhanced Approval Processes for Retail Developments (Phase 2)</i>	Local councils representing at least 50 per cent of Victoria’s population have enhanced approval processes in accordance with the project proposal.	December 2019	\$15.2 million
Project 2b – <i>Reduced Regulatory Requirements for Low-risk Activities (Phase 2)</i>	Local councils representing 50 per cent of Victoria’s population have reduced regulatory requirements in accordance with the project proposal.	December 2019	\$1.3 million

Project 5a – Reduced regulatory burden for hosting festivals and events.	Pro-forma event permits developed for councils which include activities associated with events; and a central information hub covering the end- to-end process for event permit requirements is available online.	December 2019	\$1.7 million
Project 5c – New educational videos and online application form for business signage applications	An educational video is hosted online and available to businesses to use; and an interactive online application form is created and available online for businesses to use.	December 2019	\$0.3 million
Project 5d – Simpler regulatory processes for tour operators	Regulation is amended to create a new 3-year tour operator licence for applicants with a good compliance history.	December 2019	\$0.1 million
Project 6 – <i>Reduced regulatory burden for liquor licensees</i>	Relevant legislation has been amended in accordance with the project proposal.	December 2019	\$17.2 million
Project 2a – <i>Enhanced Approval Processes for Retail Developments (Phase 3)</i>	All Victorian local councils have enhanced approval processes in accordance with the project proposal.	April 2020	\$21.7 million
Project 2b – <i>Reduced Regulatory Requirements for Low-risk Activities (Phase 3)</i>	All Victorian local councils have reduced regulatory requirements in accordance with the project proposal.	April 2020	\$1.9 million

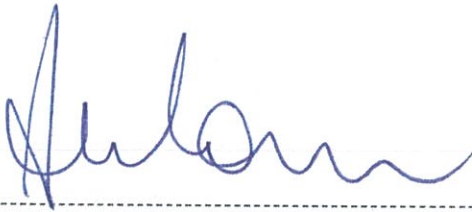
2020-21			
Output	Milestones	Report due	Payment
Project 5e – Simpler regulatory processes for bed and breakfast managers	The annual renewal and inspection requirement is removed for hosted accommodation under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008; and the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 is amended such that its registration requirements are aligned with local government planning requirements.	December 2020	\$0.1 million
Project 3 – <i>Reduce Compliance Burden from Food Safety Regulation</i>	Completion of project in accordance with the project proposal, including: development of better information about regulatory requirements, gazettal of legislative amendments, and creation of an	April 2021	\$1.9 million

	online application portal and database.		
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PART 4: SIGN OFF

6. The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signed *for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



The Honourable Scott Morrison MP
Treasurer

07 JUN 2018

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Signed *for and on behalf of Victoria by*



Tim Pallas MP
Treasurer

30 MAY 2018

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